



## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor(s), I/We hereby declare that:

My/Our residence(s), post office address(es) and citizenship(s) are as stated below my name(s). I/We verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### OLIGONUCLEOTIDES WHICH INHIBIT EXPRESSION OF THE OB-RGRP PROTEIN AND METHOD FOR DETECTING COMPOUNDS WHICH MODIFY THE INTERACTION BETWEEN PROTEINS OF THE OB-RGRP FAMILY AND THE LEPTIN RECEPTOR

and the specification of which  is attached hereto (Aventis Docket No.FRAV2003/0005USNP)  
(check one)  was filed on Feb. 9, 2003 as U.S. Application Number 10/774,721  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
 was described and claimed in PCT Int'l Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I/We hereby state that I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.  
I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one other country other than the United States of America, listed below and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. I/We have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Foreign Priority:	<u>0301543</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>10/February/2003</u>
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Prior Foreign Appln(s):	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>
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I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/461,005</u>	<u>April 7, 2003</u>
Number	Filing Date

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 or 365(c) of any United States application(s) or international application designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (Patented, Pending)</u>
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I/We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States code §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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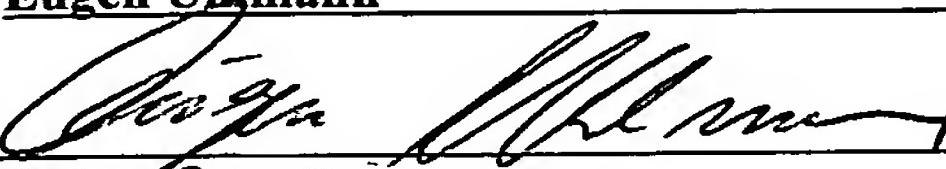
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